

Regravelling the Chavara-Sastankotta road.

101. **MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware that the Chavara-Sastankotta road is extremely unfit for cart traffic;

(b) whether representations have been received from the public and reports from the Executive Engineer regarding the necessity of regravelling the road;

(c) whether any, and, if so, what amounts have been invested for the annual maintenance of the road since its completion; and

(d) whether the Government are satisfied that the work of re-metalling the road should at once be taken up?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) No

(b) Yes.

(c) 1104 — Rs. 1,163.

1105 — Rs. 1,262.

1106 — Rs. 1,451.

(d) The Government are aware that regravelling is desirable, but it must lie over until funds become available.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know whether representations have been received from the inhabitants of Chavara and Sasthankotta complaining that the road is unfit for cart traffic?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): With regard to part (a) or part (b)?

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): With regard to part (b).

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): What action have the Government taken on such representations?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): They have been forwarded to the Chief Engineer.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Have the Government received the report submitted by the Executive Engineer in regard to the unsatisfactory condition of this road?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The report of the Executive Engineer has not been received by Government.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know from the member how long ago were these representations received and whether in view of this long delay the conduct of the Chief Engineer, in not sending up the report in time, is justifiable?

PRESIDENT: That question involves a lot of assumptions, it is not a single question.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know from the member then, on what information is his answer to part (a) based?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is based on the Chief Engineer's report.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Has the Chief Engineer made an inspection of the road personally, or is that information based on that report received from the Executive Engineer?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : It may be both ways.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : I am not asking for a "may be". I know, that it may be or that it is possible. I am asking the member on what information the answer is based, and whether this information is given after such inspection and report. I want to know whether any report has been received from the Executive Engineer direct?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the member then kindly ascertain from the Chief Engineer whether this information has been based on any information supplied by any person who has inspected the road?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

The Jenmi-Kutiyar Bill.

102. **MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which the last Jenmi-Kutiyar Bill was introduced in the Legislative Council by the Government ;

(b) the date on which the Bill was referred to the Select Committee ;

(c) the date on which its report was received by the Government ;

(d) whether the Government propose to place the Bill and the Select Committee's report for discussion by the Legislative Council, and if so, the probable date thereof ; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) is in the affirmative, the cause of the delay, and, if the answer is in the negative, the reason therefor ?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : (a) 21st January, 1930.

(b) 22nd January, 1930.

(c) 4th February, 1931.

(d) It was placed before the Council during this session.

(e) The report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill was received only on the eve of the dissolution of the last (Third) Council. The Bill could not be taken up to the Council in the last Budget session, firstly, for want of time, and secondly, because the Government thought that the members of the present Council might require some time to study the Bill.

Purchase of a radio set for the Observatory.

103. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a radio receiving set was got down from Madras for the use of the Government Observatory ;

(b) whether the mechanism has been fitted up and whether it is in working order ;

(c) the total cost incurred by the Government for the mechanism ; and

(d) the name of the company that supplied the mechanism ?